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NL INDUSTRIES/TARACORP SUPERFUND SITE GROUP Leed Environmental. Inc.

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First Class Mail

Mr. Brad Bradley
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
77 West Jackson Boulevard
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RE: NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site; Granite City, Illinois Consent Decree Progress Report 55 (November 2003)

Dear Mr. Bradley:

As required by the Consent Decree for the NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site (the "site"), two copies of this letter are submitted on behalf of the NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site Group ("Group") to provide the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") with a progress report for operation and maintenance activities that were performed during November 2003.

- 1. Actions Taken During Previous Month to Comply with the Consent Decree:
 - On November 3, 2003, the Group's project coordinator issued a progress report to EPA.
- 2. Summary of Data and/or Results of Sampling and Tests Received:
 - Not applicable for this reporting period.
- 3. Work Plans, Plans, and Other Deliverables Completed and Submitted to EPA During the Previous Month:
 - Not applicable for this reporting period.
- 4. Actions, Data Collection, and Implementation of Work Plans and Other Information Related to the Progress of Construction which are Scheduled to be Performed During the Next Six-Week Period:
 - As previously reported, the Group has authorized ENTACT to perform maintenance activities at the site to address the items outlined in ENTACT's June 24, 2003 inspection report. At the present time, the Group anticipates



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that ENTACT will mobilize to the site during the week of December 14, 2003 to demolish the buildings on the former BV&G Trucking property and to repair the security fence.

- 5. Problems Encountered, Anticipated Problems, Actual or Anticipated Delays, and Efforts Developed or Implemented to Mitigate Delays:
 - Not applicable for this reporting period.
- 6. Modifications to Work Plans or Schedules Proposed to EPA or Approved by EPA:
 - Not applicable for this reporting period.
- 7. Community Relations Activities During Previous Month or to be Undertaken During Next Six-Week Period:
 - Not applicable for this reporting period.

Should you or your staff have questions or comments regarding this progress report, please contact this office at (610) 670-7310.

Very truly yours,

LEED ENVIRONMENTAL, INC.

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cc: Ms. Sandra Bron - Illinois EPA (by first class mail)

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